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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: FORD, et al.

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) Examiner: MCDONALD, Rodney Glenn
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) Group Art Unit: 1753
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) Confirmation No.: 3312
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For: HOLLOW CATHODE TARGET AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 23, 2004

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003, in the above-identified U.S. patent application, wherein the Examiner set a three-month period for response. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before January 26, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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